

**1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?**

I have worked as a Chemical Engineer in Pulp & Paper, Defence consultant & high school physics teacher.

**2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?**

I have lived in Kars on a hobby farm with my wife, mother-in-law and my bees for 16 years.

**3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?**

I am on the board of the CDN. Assoc. for the Club of Rome, an environmental think tank & I give presentations on bees to elementary schools and seniors organizations.

**4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?**

As an Engineer I have avoided politics like the plague. Only after reading “The Revolt of the Masses” by Ortega y Gasset [1930] did I have a way of looking at politics as a positive rather than negative activity. I then joined the Reform Party, after having met Preston Manning. However, after getting very ill in 2004 did I have time to reflect and take the time to read about how human made environmental destruction risks destroying the very foundations of our society. Then I met Elizabeth May in Cape Breton in 2006; becoming a provincial Green party candidate in 2007 and have been in every election every since.

**5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?**

My first role model is Marcus Aurilius, a Roman emperor, whose book “Meditations” has been a key part of how I view we should act to contribute to our society. Preston Manning [he still supports revenue neutral carbon pricing as the most efficient market driven approach to combating climate change] was the first Canadian politician I met who impressed me with his brains, character, credibility and vision. He was why I entered politics, became a Reform party riding president. Even today, as a Green

candidate, I see credibility, logical consistency and the ‘walking the talk’ that he did, as how I do politics.

**6. What policy in your party’s platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?**

For the adults housing affordability and traffic congestions are their top stressors. As a Green I see that continuing to build just more suburbia and more roads as only adding to the problem. Thus we must intensify and build up our public transit system as the #1 way people move around cities. For the youth the #1 issue is mental health. Many youth are suffering from anxiety, depression, a sense that the future will be worse than the past, and some are now experiencing climate anxiety and a general sense that the adults do not ‘get’ where they are at.

**7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?**

First, politicians must be civil. Although mud-slinging works in the short term, it undermines politics and demeans politicians who are seen involved in a dirty game. Secondly, people vote ‘against’ a person or idea instead of for one. The result is they see the bad in people rather than the good. I look for the good, which is always there, especially in people I disagree with. Thus I build bridges with everybody, something I have learned to do with my very Conservative neighbours in Kars, some of whom, because I have ‘walked the talk’ in this way for 5 elections, are even voting for me!